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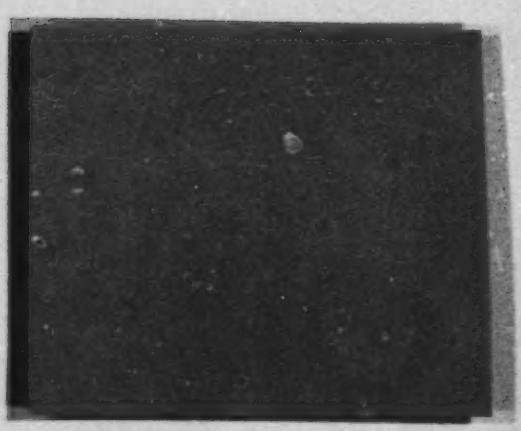

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52/231. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions, in particular resolution 52/100 of 12 December 1997, on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, as well as agreed conclusions and relevant resolutions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council on the follow-up to the Conference,

Reaffirming the commitments made in the Beijing Declaration[1] and the Platform for Action,[2]

1. *Decides* that the high-level plenary review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,[3] and the Platform for Action five years after its adoption, and to consider further actions and initiatives shall be held as a special session of the General Assembly for five days, from 5 to 9 June 2000;

2. *Also decides* that the special session should reaffirm the commitment to the Platform for Action and further focus, *inter alia*, on obstacles encountered in implementation as well as on strategies to overcome those obstacles, with a view to implementing fully the Platform for Action as well as taking further action and initiatives;

3. *Recalls* that, in keeping with General Assembly resolution 52/100, the Commission on the Status of Women will serve as the preparatory committee for the review and will be open-ended for the purposes of the preparations;

4. *Decides* that the preparatory work, which should be supported by inter-sessional consultations convened by the open-ended Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women as needed, will be carried out by the Commission at its forty-third and forty-fourth sessions in the years 1999 and 2000, respectively, and that the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions will be extended by five days each to complete the preparations;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the regional commissions, to develop a standardized questionnaire, with a focused set of indicators, on all critical areas of concern as a framework to assist national Governments in their assessment of and reporting on the implementation of the Platform for Action;

6. *Encourages* those Governments that have not yet done so to submit their national plans of action to the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat by September 1998 as an input to the start of the review during the forty-third session of the Commission, and encourages Governments to submit in 1999 information on their implementation of the Platform for Action, focusing particularly on positive actions, lessons learned, obstacles, key challenges remaining and a vision for gender equality in the next millennium;

7. *Invites* Governments to prepare their national evaluations on the implementation of the Platform for Action with the involvement of civil society;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite all entities of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, to be involved actively in preparatory activities and to participate at the highest level in the special session, including through presentations on best practices, obstacles encountered and a vision for the future to accelerate implementation of the Platform for Action and address new and emerging trends;

9. *Encourages* appropriate regional preparatory activities for the special session, *inter alia*, by Governments in cooperation with the regional commissions, and recommends submission of the results as an input to the Commission at its forty-fourth session, in the year 2000;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its forty-third session, in addition to the documentation already foreseen in the long-term work programme of the Commission for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action, suggestions on further initiatives and actions that might be considered during the review, with attention to mainstreaming gender equality and to common trends and themes across the twelve critical areas of concern;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide in the report on emerging issues, to be submitted to the Commission at its forty-fourth session, additional material on further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000;

12. *Invites* the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to provide information in 1999 on the implementation of the Platform for Action, based on its review of reports of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;[4]

13. *Invites* the Secretary-General to integrate in his reports information from relevant treaty-monitoring bodies on their efforts, within their mandates, to mainstream a gender perspective;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its special session a comparative report on how different categories of projects and programmes of

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[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

[4] Resolution 34/180, annex.

United Nations organizations are including women's interests and gender mainstreaming issues and on resources allocated in this regard;

15. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank focus on gender issues in the *Human Development Report* and the *World Development Report* for the year 2000;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide by the end of 1999 a compilation of updated statistics and indicators on the situation of women and girls in countries around the world by issuing, for example, a volume of *The World's Women*;

17. *Calls upon* States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to undertake necessary measures with a view to providing appropriate information to the public on the implementation of the Platform for Action and the process of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly;

18. *Emphasizes* the important role of non-governmental organizations in implementing the Platform for Action and the need for their active involvement in preparations for the special session, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements for their contributions to the special session;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries at the special session in accordance with past practice.

87th plenary meeting
4 June 1998

52/232. Strengthening of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the aspects concerning the organization of the work of its regular sessions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/241,[5]

Recalling its resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, by which it adopted the recommendations of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System as contained in the annex to the resolution,

Noting its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981, by which it declared that the third Tuesday of September, the opening day of the regular sessions of the General Assembly, shall be officially proclaimed and observed as the International Day of Peace and shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples,

1. *Decides* that the fifty-second session of the General Assembly shall close on Tuesday, 8 September 1998, and that the fifty-third session of the General Assembly shall open on Wednesday, 9 September 1998;

2. *Also decides* that the International Day of Peace shall continue to be observed on the opening day of the regular session;

3. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system".

87th plenary meeting
4 June 1998

52/233. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the effective operation of Governments, companies and other organizations is threatened by the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers, or "millennium bug",

Underlining the need for effective action to address the problem to be taken well in advance of the inflexible date of 31 December 1999, beyond which important systems might cease to function,

Recognizing the potentially serious impact that the year 2000 problem could have in all countries whose economies are increasingly interdependent,

Emphasizing that the year 2000 problem could affect both computer systems and much electronic control equipment containing embedded chips and internal clocks, with wide-ranging effects on such important areas as power supplies, telecommunications, financial systems, transport, public health, building and factory systems, food supplies, emergency services, the organization of social welfare and utilities,

Emphasizing also that coordinated efforts by Governments and private, public and international organizations are required to address the year 2000 problem,

Appreciating the establishment of a trust fund by the World Bank to assist in the efforts to resolve the year 2000 problem and the voluntary contributions made to it by the member States,

Appreciating also the efforts of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council in raising the level of awareness of the year 2000 problem,

1. *Requests* all Member States to attach high priority to raising the level of awareness, both by ensuring that the private sector is fully engaged in addressing the year 2000 problem and by tackling the problem in those systems within their own control, and to consider, *inter alia*, the appointment of a nationwide coordinator for this purpose;

[5] A/52/855.

2. *Appeals* to all Member States to forge global cooperation to ensure a timely and effective response to the year 2000 challenge;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, public and private sector organizations and civil society to share locally, regionally and globally their experiences in addressing the year 2000 problem;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that all parts of the United Nations system take measures to ensure that their computers and equipment with embedded microprocessors are year 2000 compliant well before the target date by drawing up a plan of action for the United Nations system;

5. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to prepare at its substantive session of 1998 guidelines on which Member States will be able to draw in addressing the diverse aspects of the year 2000 problem;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations system closely monitors actual and potential sources of funding to support the efforts of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition to address the year 2000 problem, and to facilitate the dissemination of relevant information on those funding possibilities to the Member States;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the steps taken within the United Nations system and with Member States to resolve this problem;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session an item entitled "Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers" and to complete its action under that agenda item before the deadline of 31 December 1999.

88th plenary meeting
26 June 1998

52/250. Participation of Palestine in the work of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 181 (II) of 29 November 1947, in which, *inter alia*, it recommended the partition of Palestine into a Jewish State and an Arab State, with Jerusalem as a *corpus separatum*,

Recalling also its resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, by which it granted observer status to the Palestine Liberation Organization,

Recalling further its resolution 43/160 A of 9 December 1988, adopted under the item entitled "Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States", in which it decided that the Palestine Liberation Organization was entitled to have its communications issued and circulated as official documents of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 43/177 of 15 December 1988, in which it acknowledged the proclamation of the State of Palestine by the Palestine National Council on 15 November 1988 and decided that the designation "Palestine" should be used in place of the designation "Palestine Liberation Organization" in the United Nations system,

Recalling also its resolutions 49/12 A of 9 November 1994 and 49/12 B of 24 May 1995, through which, *inter alia*, arrangements for the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, in addition to applying to all Member and observer States, were also applied to Palestine, in its capacity as observer, including in the organizing process of the list of speakers for the commemorative meeting,

Recalling further that Palestine enjoys full membership in the Group of Asian States and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Aware that Palestine is a full member of the League of Arab States, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the Group of 77 and China,

Aware also that general democratic Palestinian elections were held on 20 January 1996 and that the Palestinian Authority was established on part of the occupied Palestinian territory,

Desirous of contributing to the achievement of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, thus attaining a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East,

1. *Decides* to confer upon Palestine, in its capacity as observer, and as contained in the annex to the present resolution, additional rights and privileges of participation in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the international conferences convened under the auspices of the Assembly or other organs of the United Nations, as well as in United Nations conferences;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly, within the current session, about the implementation of the modalities annexed to the present resolution.

89th plenary meeting
7 July 1998

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The additional rights and privileges of participation of Palestine shall be effected through the following modalities, without prejudice to the existing rights and privileges:

1. The right to participate in the general debate of the General Assembly;

2. Without prejudice to the priority of Member States, Palestine shall have the right of inscription on the list of

speakers under agenda items other than Palestinian and Middle East issues at any plenary meeting of the General Assembly, after the last Member State inscribed on the list of that meeting;

3. The right of reply;

4. The right to raise points of order related to the proceedings on Palestinian and Middle East issues, provided that the right to raise such a point of order shall not include the right to challenge the decision of the presiding officer;

5. The right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions on Palestinian and Middle East issues. Such draft resolutions and decisions shall be put to a vote only upon request from a Member State;

6. The right to make interventions, with a precursory explanation or the recall of relevant General Assembly resolutions being made only once by the President of the General Assembly at the start of each session of the Assembly;

7. Seating for Palestine shall be arranged immediately after non-member States and before the other observers, and with the allocation of six seats in the General Assembly Hall;

8. Palestine shall not have the right to vote or to put forward candidates.

52/251. Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/34 of 9 December 1996 in which, *inter alia*, it invited the Secretary-General to take steps to conclude a relationship agreement with the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Noting the decision of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea taken at its fifth session on 12 March 1998 to approve the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, signed on 18 December 1997 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Noting also that the eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, held in New York from 18 to 22 May 1998, took note with appreciation of the report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, including paragraphs 67 and 68, relating to the conclusion of the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,[6]

Having considered the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,[7]

Approves the Agreement, which is annexed to the present resolution.

92nd plenary meeting
8 September 1998

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Agreement on Cooperation and Relationship between the United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The United Nations and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the United Nations is the principal organization dealing with matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security and that one of the main purposes of the Organization is to bring about by peaceful means the settlement of international disputes or situations that might lead to a breach of the peace,

Acknowledging the key role played by the United Nations under the Charter in the peaceful settlement of international disputes,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973 decided to convene the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea for the adoption of a convention dealing with all matters relating to the law of the sea and that the Conference adopted the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea[8] (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

Bearing in mind also that the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (hereinafter referred to as "the International Tribunal") has been established in accordance with article 287, paragraph 1 (*a*), and annex VI to the Convention as an autonomous international judicial body,

Noting the role of the International Tribunal in the peaceful settlement of disputes in relation to the uses of the seas and the oceans and their resources,

Noting also that the functions of the International Tribunal are consistent with Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, which provides that international disputes shall be settled by peaceful means,

Noting further the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations under article 319 and other provisions of the Convention,

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[6] SPLOS/31, paras. 13 and 14, and SPLOS/27.

[7] A/52/968, annex.

[8] *Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 51/204 of 17 December 1996 inviting the International Tribunal to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 51/34 of 9 December 1996 and the decision of the first session of the International Tribunal calling for the conclusion of a relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Tribunal,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

General

1. The United Nations recognizes the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea as an autonomous international judicial body with jurisdiction as provided for in the relevant provisions of the Convention and the statute of the International Tribunal annexed thereto.

2. The International Tribunal recognizes the responsibilities of the United Nations under the Charter, in particular in the fields of international peace and security, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian development and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

3. The United Nations and the International Tribunal each undertake to respect the status and mandate of the other and to establish cooperative working relations pursuant to the provisions of the present Agreement.

Article 2

Cooperation and coordination

The United Nations and the International Tribunal, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of their objectives and the coordination of their activities, shall:

(*a*) Consult and cooperate, whenever appropriate, on matters of mutual concern; and

(*b*) Pursue, whenever appropriate, initiatives to coordinate their activities.

Article 3

Reciprocal representation

1. Without prejudice to the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution 51/204 granting observer status to the International Tribunal, and subject to such decisions as may be taken concerning the attendance of meetings by observers, the United Nations shall, subject to the rules and practices of the bodies concerned, invite the International Tribunal to attend meetings and conferences convened under the auspices of the United Nations, where observers are allowed, and whenever matters of interest to the International Tribunal are under discussion.

2. Subject to the applicable provisions of the rules of the International Tribunal, the Secretary-General of the United Nations or representatives of the Secretary-General may attend public meetings of the International Tribunal or its Seabed Disputes Chamber, including oral hearings.

3. Subject to the rules of the International Tribunal, written statements submitted by the United Nations to the International Tribunal for distribution shall be distributed by the Registry to the members of the International Tribunal. Written statements presented by the International Tribunal to the United Nations for distribution shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to all members of the appropriate organs of the United Nations in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure. Such written statements shall be circulated in the quantities and languages in which they were made available to the Registry or the Secretariat.

Article 4

Exchange of information and documents

1. The United Nations and the International Tribunal shall, to the fullest extent possible and practicable, and subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present article, arrange for the regular exchange of information and documents of mutual interest. In particular:

(*a*) The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall:

(i) Periodically transmit to the International Tribunal information on developments relating to the Convention that are relevant to the work of the International Tribunal, including copies of communications received by the Secretary-General in the capacity of depositary of the Convention or depositary of any other agreement which confers jurisdiction on the International Tribunal;

(ii) Transmit to the International Tribunal copies of any documents notified to the Secretary-General or otherwise communicated to the United Nations by the International Court of Justice pursuant to its Statute and Rules of Court;

(iii) Subject to the applicable rules and regulations and the obligations of the United Nations under the relevant agreements, furnish to the International Tribunal information requested by it as relevant to a case before it.

(*b*) The Registrar of the International Tribunal shall:

(i) Periodically transmit to the United Nations information concerning developments under the Convention that are related to the activities of the International Tribunal;

(ii) Transmit to the United Nations information and documentation relating to the work of the International Tribunal, including documentation

relating to pleadings, oral proceedings, orders, judgements and other communications and documentation, including those relating to applications submitted to the International Tribunal in accordance with articles 290 and 292 of the Convention;

(iii) Furnish to the United Nations, with the concurrence of the International Tribunal and subject to its statute and rules, any information relating to the work of the International Tribunal requested by the International Court of Justice.

2. Nothing in the present Agreement shall be construed to require either the United Nations or the International Tribunal to furnish any information, the provision of which would, in its judgement, constitute a violation of the confidentiality of such information or of rights in proprietary materials.

3. The United Nations and the International Tribunal shall make every effort to achieve maximum cooperation with a view to avoiding undesirable duplication in the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of information related to matters of mutual interest. They shall strive to combine their efforts, where appropriate, to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of such information and to minimize the burdens placed upon national Governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected.

Article 5

Reports to the United Nations

The International Tribunal shall keep the United Nations informed of its activities that may require the attention of the United Nations. For this purpose, the International Tribunal may, when it deems it appropriate:

(*a*) Submit reports to the United Nations through the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and

(*b*) Notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations whenever, in its opinion, a question within the competence of the Security Council, in particular relating to the application of article 298, paragraph 1 (*c*), of the Convention, arises in connection with the work of the International Tribunal.

Article 6

Personnel arrangements

1. The United Nations and the International Tribunal agree to apply, as far as practicable, common personnel standards, methods and arrangements designed to avoid serious discrepancies in terms and conditions of employment, to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel and to facilitate any mutually desirable interchange of personnel in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services.

2. The United Nations and the International Tribunal agree to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in achieving these ends and in particular they agree to:

(*a*) Consult periodically on matters of mutual interest relating to the employment of their officers and staff, including conditions of service, duration of appointments, classification, salary scale and allowances, retirement and pension rights and staff regulations and rules, with a view to securing as much uniformity in these matters as shall be found feasible;

(*b*) Cooperate in the interchange of personnel, when desirable, on a temporary or permanent basis, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights;

(*c*) Strive for maximum cooperation in order to achieve the most efficient use of specialized personnel, systems and services;

(*d*) Cooperate in seeking an arrangement that will allow the extension of the competence of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal to the staff of the Registry of the International Tribunal.

Article 7

Conference services

1. Upon the request of the International Tribunal, the United Nations may, subject to availability, provide to the International Tribunal, on a reimbursable basis, such facilities and services as may be required for the sessions of the International Tribunal, including translation and interpretation services, documentation and conference services.

2. The terms and conditions under which any facilities or services of the United Nations in connection with the matters referred to in the present article may be extended to the International Tribunal shall, where necessary, be the subject of supplementary arrangements concluded for this purpose.

Article 8

Administrative cooperation

The United Nations and the International Tribunal recognize the desirability of cooperation in administrative matters of mutual interest. They shall consult from time to time concerning the most efficient use of facilities, staff and services with a view to avoiding the establishment and operation of overlapping facilities and services. They shall also consult to explore the possibility of continuing or establishing common facilities or services in specific areas.

Article 9

Laissez-passer

Members of the International Tribunal, the Registrar and other officials of the Registry shall be entitled, in accordance with such special arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the International Tribunal, to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations as a valid travel document where such use is recognized by States parties to the Agreement on the Privileges

and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea or other agreements defining the privileges and immunities of the International Tribunal, its members and officials. The above is without prejudice to the right of the International Tribunal to issue its own travel documents.

Article 10

Budgetary and financial matters

1. The International Tribunal recognizes the desirability of establishing close budgetary and financial relationships with the United Nations so that the maximum measure of coordination and uniformity with respect to administrative operations may be secured.

2. The United Nations and the International Tribunal agree to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in achieving these ends.

3. The International Tribunal agrees to conform, as far as may be practicable and appropriate, to standard practices and forms recommended by the United Nations.

4. The Registrar of the International Tribunal may consult with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to achieving consistency in the presentation of the budget of the International Tribunal with that of the United Nations.

5. The United Nations may, upon request of the International Tribunal, provide advice on financial and fiscal questions of interest to the International Tribunal with a view to achieving coordination and securing uniformity in such matters.

Article 11

Financing of services

The costs and expenses resulting from the cooperation or the provision of services pursuant to the present Agreement shall be subject to separate arrangements between the United Nations and the International Tribunal. To that end, the United Nations and the International Tribunal shall consult each other with a view to determining the most equitable manner in which such costs and expenses shall be borne.

Article 12

Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Registrar of the International Tribunal may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of the present Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the United Nations and the International Tribunal.

Article 13

Amendments

The present Agreement may be amended by agreement between the United Nations and the International Tribunal. Any such amendment agreed upon shall enter into force upon its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and by the International Tribunal.

Article 14

Entry into force

1. The present Agreement shall come into force upon its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and by the International Tribunal.

2. Pending such approval the present Agreement shall be applied provisionally from the date of its signature by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the International Tribunal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed the present Agreement.

SIGNED this 18th day of December 1997 at United Nations Headquarters in New York in two originals in the English language.

For the United Nations:	For the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea:
(*Signed*) Kofi A. ANNAN	(*Signed*) Thomas A. MENSAH
Secretary-General	*President*

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52/1. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS LOGISTICS BASE AT BRINDISI, ITALY

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[4] and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Regrets* that the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the cost-benefit analysis were not available for consideration in conjunction with the report of the Secretary-General[6] which deals, *inter alia*, with the cost-benefit analysis;

4. *Notes* that the report of the Secretary-General[6] contains, *inter alia*, a cost-benefit analysis of the operation of the Logistics Base and information on progress in the clearance of the backlog inventory, on the use of the Logistics Base by United Nations agencies and programmes and on the Logistics Base communications relay system and its functions, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/1 A;

5. *Approves* the proposal of the Secretary-General with regard to the funding mechanism set out in paragraph 33 of his report;[6]

6. *Also approves* the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to 7,141,800 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, including the amount of 829,900 dollars for the completion of two start-up kits;

7. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 2,025,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, and to prorate the balance of 5,116,000 dollars among the approved appropriations of the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, ten Field Service and twenty-eight locally recruited staff;

9. *Approves* the resourcing policy proposed in section VIII of the previous report of the Secretary-General[7] regarding the inclusion in future liquidation budgets of provision for the cost of repair, refurbishment and preservation, equal to 30 per cent of the total depreciated value of the equipment to be transferred to the Logistics Base;

10. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question upon submission by the Advisory Committee of its observations and recommendations on the cost-benefit analysis contained in the report of the Secretary-General.[6]

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52/8. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

B[8]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, Council resolution 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), Council resolution 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III, Council resolution 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the

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[1] Consequently, resolution 52/1, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 52/1 A.

[2] A/52/810 and A/52/858.

[3] A/52/897.

[4] A/52/426, annex, para. 24.

[5] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 63rd and 65th meetings (A/C.5/52/SR.63 and 65), and corrigendum.

[6] A/52/858.

[7] A/51/905.

[8] Consequently, resolution 52/8, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 52/8 A.

[9] A/52/799.

[10] A/52/825.

Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was Council resolution 1157 (1998) of 20 March 1998,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/8 A of 31 October 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission by certain Governments,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Observer Mission on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 131,650,352 United States dollars, representing 13 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission to the period ending 30 June 1997 and from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 April 1998, notes that some 15 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[10]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-Generalto submit to the General Assembly before the second part of its resumed fifty-second session the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit findings on the procurement process in the Verification Mission and the report on efforts to recover losses and corrective measures taken, which were requested in paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 52/8 A;

9. *Notes* the labour relations difficulties at the Observer Mission, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the matter to the General Assembly for its consideration during the second part of its resumed fifty-second session;

10. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola a total amount of 175 million dollars gross (170,741,200 dollars net) for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 155 million dollars gross (150,371,600 dollars net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 52/8 A;

11. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 20 million dollars gross (20,369,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 among Member States, taking into account the amount of 155 million dollars gross (150,371,600 dollars net) already authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/8 A, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the scale of assessments

for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, and subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 30 April 1998;

12. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 369,600 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-second session the agenda items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" and "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola".

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31 March 1998

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission[11] and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[12] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[13]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III, 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1164 (1998) of 29 April 1998,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/8 B of 31 March 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 90,306,237 United States dollars, representing 9 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission to the period ending 30 June 1997 and from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 April 1998, notes that some 21 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[13]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

[11] A/52/385/Add.1 and Corr.1.

[12] A/52/799/Add.1.

[13] A/52/860/Add.8.

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Observer Mission;

8. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General[14] and the annex thereto containing the observations and recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the procurement process in the Verification Mission;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly before the second part of its resumed fifty-third session a report on the status of implementation of measures taken or initiated to address appropriately the issues, observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[15] and other related actions taken by the Observer Mission and the Secretariat;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all managers exercising financial responsibility are issued the revised and updated version of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that every official of the United Nations is responsible to the Secretary-General for the regularity of the actions taken by him or her in the course of his or her official duties and that any official who takes any action contrary to the Financial Rules, or to the administrative instructions issued in connection therewith, may be held personally responsible and financially liable for the consequences of such action;

12. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General in its resolution 49/218 of 23 December 1994 to include full implementation of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations as a specific performance indicator in the performance appraisal of all managers;

13. *Also recalls* the budgetary process set out in its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

14. *Notes* that the recommendation contained in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee[13] deviates from Assembly resolution 49/233 A;

15. *Takes note* of the intention of the Advisory Committee[16] to submit in due course its comments and observations to the General Assembly on the unencumbered balance of 3,564,300 dollars gross for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

16. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to utilize the amount of 2,204,300 dollars from the unencumbered balance for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 to meet incurred expenses for the same period that have not yet been recorded;

17. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola an initial amount of 45,899,080 dollars gross (44,301,680 dollars net) for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998, inclusive of the amount of 2,299,080 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

18. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 45,899,080 dollars gross (44,301,680 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 among Member States at a monthly rate of 11,474,770 dollars gross (11,075,420 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 30 June 1998;

19. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,597,400 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,564,300 dollars gross (1,999,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

21. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 3,564,300 dollars gross (1,999,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" and "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola".

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26 June 1998

[14] A/52/881.

[15] Ibid., annex.

[16] A/52/825, para. 12.

52/212. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

B[17]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on an amendment to the additional terms of reference governing the audit of the United Nations[18] contained in the annex to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the note by the Secretary-General[19] transmitting the proposals of the Board of Auditors for improving the implementation of its recommendations, including changes in reporting on the progress of such implementation,

1. *Approves* the revised text of paragraph 5 of the additional terms of reference governing the audit of the United Nations contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Secretary-General;[18]

2. *Accepts* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in the annex to the note by the Secretary-General,[19] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Emphasizes* that primary managerial responsibility and accountability for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors should remain with department heads and programme managers;

4. *Endorses* the proposals of the Board of Auditors enumerated in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its report[20] concerning accountability for the implementation of its recommendations, with the provision that officers whose titles or positions are disclosed in accordance with paragraph 6 of the report should be at the level of programme manager or department head, as appropriate;

5. *Accepts* the proposals of the Board of Auditors concerning changes in reporting arrangements, and invites the Secretary-General and the Board to cooperate in establishing a practical and efficient procedure for implementing the proposed changes;

6. *Requests* the Board of Auditors to include information on the implementation of its proposals, as appropriate, in the framework of its reports to the General Assembly.

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[17] Consequently, resolution 52/212, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 52/212 A.

[18] A/52/727.

[19] A/52/753.

[20] Ibid., annex.

52/225. Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 8 of its report;[21]

2. *Also concurs* with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee concerning the salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme contained in paragraph 8 of its report;

3. *Approves* the amendment to annex I to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations with effect from 1 January 1998, as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

80th plenary meeting
4 February 1998

ANNEX

Amendment to annex I to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

At the end of paragraph 1 of annex I to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, add the following sentence: "With effect from 1 January 1998, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme shall receive a gross salary of 175,344 United States dollars per annum".

52/226. Procurement reform and outsourcing

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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 49/216 C of 23 December 1994, 51/231 of 13 June 1997, 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform[22] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23]

Having also considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight

[21] A/52/7/Add.8. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-Second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

[22] A/52/534 and Corr.1.

[23] A/52/7/Add.3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

Services on the review of the implementation of procurement reform,[24]

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to ensure strict adherence to the regulations and rules governing the procurement process;

2. *Notes with concern* that its resolution 51/231 and a number of the recommendations contained in the report of the High-level Group of Experts on Procurement remain largely unimplemented, and therefore calls on the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation without any further delay;

3. *Notes* that the revised procurement manual has not been issued, and requests the Secretary-General to publish the manual no later than 31 March 1998, as stated in his report;

4. *Also notes* the delay in submission of proposals for revision of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, which may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of the procurement reform process, and requests the Secretary-General to submit such proposals to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for consideration by the Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-second session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of his next report on procurement reform, to evolve and provide the standards for measuring the efficiency of procurement, taking into account the optimal duration of the procurement decision-making process, the total workload in the Procurement Division of the Secretariat and the cost-efficiency of procurement, against which the performance should be measured;

6. *Notes* the decline in *ex post facto* cases, and underscores the need to reduce further the number of such cases through better procurement planning;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all departments and offices at Headquarters and in the field develop, in cooperation with the Procurement Division, annual procurement plans, which should be made publicly available;

8. *Emphasizes* the need for a sharper definition of exigency needs, and urges the Secretary-General to submit his proposal to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee, no later than 31 March 1998, as stated in his report;[25]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider measures to improve the working methods of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts in order to enhance and expedite the procurement decision-making process;

10. *Regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain information on the action taken regarding guidelines on methods of invitation to bid, which was recommended by the Board of Auditors in its report on procurement for the biennium ended 31 December 1995,[26] and requests the Secretary-General to submit the guidelines, through the Advisory Committee, for consideration by the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-second session;

11. *Also regrets* that the information requested in paragraphs 18 and 37 of its resolution 51/231 was not provided in the report of the Secretary-General, and emphasizes that immediate action should be taken for the full implementation of the resolution;

12. *Further regrets* that, despite the initial efforts of the Secretary-General, the supplier roster is still not representative of the membership of the Organization, and requests him to intensify further and focus his efforts to broaden the geographical base of the supplier roster;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all possible measures to increase procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including the following measures:

(*a*) All invitations to bid should be posted on the Procurement Division Web site homepage as soon as they are prepared, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

(*b*) All invitations to bid should be sent to the permanent missions, as well as to all United Nations information centres and other United Nations offices;

(*c*) Procurement Division officials may undertake visits to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to attend seminars and exhibitions, with a view to identifying potential vendors from those countries;

(*d*) All commercial opportunities should be published in *Development Business*, which is issued by the Office of Communications and Public Information of the Secretariat;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to examine ways to increase opportunities for developing countries in the award of procurement contracts, in particular least developed countries, African countries and countries with economies in transition, taking into account the experience of preferential treatment in this regard in the funds and programmes of United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental institutions, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to examine the possibility of awarding procurement contracts to equally qualified vendors from countries that are current in the payment of their assessed contributions, taking into account the experience of other intergovernmental institutions with such practices, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

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[24] A/52/813, annex.

[25] A/52/534 and Corr.1, para. 24.

[26] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/51/5), vol. I and Corr.1, sect. II.

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop a standard procedure for the preparation of performance evaluation reports on suppliers, as requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 15 of its resolution 51/231;

17. *Reiterates its concern* about the use of suppliers recommended by requisitioners and, noting that this practice undermines the principle of segregation of responsibilities between requesting and procurement entities, requests the Secretary-General to discontinue the practice;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to revise paragraphs (*f*) and (*g*) of financial rule 110.19 to include professional services, medicines, medical supplies, hospital or surgical supplies and prosthetic appliances in the open bidding process;

19. *Emphasizes* that the procurement of goods and services in the field missions could be sourced competitively at the local or regional level;

20. *Notes* the progress made in the area of staff training, and requests the Secretary-General to develop further a formal training programme for all procurement staff;

21. *Reiterates its decision* that all procurement-related functions should be performed only by United Nations staff, and requests the Secretary-General to phase out gratis personnel from the Procurement Division expeditiously, and no later than 31 July 1998;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the organizational structure of the Procurement Division in order to ensure effective and efficient management, taking into account the implementation of procurement reform, including the recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,[23] the Board of Auditors[24] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[24] and to report thereon, through the Advisory Committee, to the General Assembly;

23. *Underlines* the need to maintain inventory records in accordance with the relevant regulations and rules;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with conducting a comprehensive review and analysis of the procurement-related arbitration cases and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on measures to be taken;

25. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to define and publish the procedures governing the role of the ombudsman and to examine the feasibility of assigning that position to a division other than one under the direct authority of the Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services;

26. *Regrets* the continued delay in the publication of the procurement manual, and notes with concern the apparent absence of effective communication between the various key Secretariat departments involved in its preparation;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine alternative methods of collecting statistical data in order to provide a more transparent view of the true national provenance of companies benefiting from procurement contracts;

28. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals on possible amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations in order to address issues of potential conflict of interest, such as the employment of former United Nations procurement officers by United Nations suppliers and vice versa;

29. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-third session on the implementation of all of the provisions of the present resolution.

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31 March 1998

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system"[27] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the implementation of procurement reform,[28]

1. *Welcomes* the continued coordination of efforts between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Joint Inspection Unit to improve and streamline the outsourcing activities of the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, for consideration by the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-third session, a comprehensive report on outsourcing practices, duly taking into account the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit[27] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services.[28]

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31 March 1998

52/227. Integrated Management Information System

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/217 of 21 December 1988,

Having considered the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System project[29] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[30] as well as the report of the Board of Auditors on the updated

[27] See A/52/338.

[28] A/52/813, annex.

[29] A/52/711.

[30] A/52/828.

special audit of the Integrated Management Information System project,[31]

1. *Notes* the difficulties inherent in the implementation of the Integrated Management Information System project;

2. *Expresses concern* that the magnitude and complexity of the Integrated Management Information System project were underestimated from its inception;

3. *Also expresses concern* that the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report of 21 November 1994 on the special audit of the Integrated Management Information System project[32] have not been fully implemented;

4. *Expresses its deep concern* at the findings of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the updated special audit;[31]

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the updated special audit;

6. *Takes note* of the corrective actions taken by the Administration concerning the recommendations made by the Board of Auditors;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediate action for the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-third session;

8. *Expresses its deep concern* about the time and cost overruns for the completion of the Integrated Management Information System project;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure strict adherence to the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations in matters concerning control over expenditure on the Integrated Management Information System project, with particular reference to contractual costs, and to ensure that adequate administrative support is provided for the project in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Auditors in paragraphs 25 and 27 of the annex to its report;[31]

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to determine contractor responsibilities in the changes in the Integrated Management Information System in order to limit unnecessary payments by the Administration;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with conducting a comprehensive analysis of the reasons for the increase in costs of the contract and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly no later than the end of the main part of its fifty-third session;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have independent experts conduct a forward-looking study of the Integrated Management Information System, to be financed from available resources of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, with no effect on the implementation of its mandate, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly, together with his comments, through the Advisory Committee, no later than the end of the main part of the fifty-third session, the purpose of the independent study being:

(*a*) To assess the System from a technical point of view, in terms of both design and operations, taking into account the specific requirements of the United Nations;

(*b*) To advise on the long-term maintenance and operational requirements of the System in terms of the number and qualifications of staff, infrastructure and communications;

(*c*) To advise on possible strategies for improving the System and optimizing maintenance costs;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his tenth progress report a detailed plan of action and the final level of resources needed to resolve all outstanding problems so as to make the Integrated Management Information System fully operational, taking into account the main observations of the two reports referred to in paragraphs 11 and 12 above;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to reduce the dependency on the current contractor by limiting additional work to the minimum required to facilitate the implementation of the Integrated Management Information System project at offices away from Headquarters and to take the necessary measures to have additional work performed by United Nations staff or by a contractor selected after competitive bidding;

15. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to ensure that a comprehensive programme for Integrated Management Information System training is included as part of the ongoing training programme offered to staff at all duty stations concerned;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate and qualified staff are assigned to the implementation and operation of the Integrated Management Information System at all duty stations.

82nd plenary meeting
31 March 1998

52/228. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[33] and the related report of the

[31] A/52/755, annex.

[32] A/49/680, annex.

[33] A/52/730/Add.1 and Add.2.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[34]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1133 (1997) of 20 October 1997,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/2 B of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Mission on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 54,513,290 United States dollars, representing 19 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 20 April 1998, notes that some 12 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[34] and notes that paragraph 7 of that report is neither an observation nor a recommendation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 17,172,300 dollars gross (15,989,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 9,300,500 dollars gross (8,478,100 dollars net) already authorized, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee, for the period from 1 November 1997 to 31 March 1998 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and in addition to the amount of 30,229,800 dollars gross (28,430,400 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 under the provisions of Assembly resolution 51/2 B;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 11,077,300 dollars gross (10,309,500 dollars net) for the period ending 20 April 1998 among Member States, taking into account the amount of 24,351,780 dollars gross (22,902,270 dollars net) already assessed for the same period under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/2 B, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

[34] A/52/816 and Corr.1.

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 767,800 dollars approved for the period ending 20 April 1998, taking into account the amount of 1,449,510 dollars already approved for the same period;

11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 6,095,000 dollars gross (5,679,800 dollars net) for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998 among Member States at the monthly rates indicated in the annex to the present resolution, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, and subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 20 April 1998;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 415,200 dollars approved for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

82nd plenary meeting
31 March 1998

ANNEX

Monthly assessments for the operation of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998

Month	*Gross*	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
April 1998 (balance)	743 000	683 700
May 1998	2 677 900	2 500 000
June 1998	2 674 100	2 496 100
Total	6 095 000	5 679 800

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[35] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[36]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1163 (1998) of 17 April 1998,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/228 A of 31 March 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 70,964,762 United States dollars, representing 23 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 June 1998, notes that some 7 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional

[35] A/52/730/Add.1 and Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.2.

[36] A/52/860/Add.8.

burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[36]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 22,749,540 dollars gross (21,473,540 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998, inclusive of the amount of 1,149,540 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 22,749,540 dollars gross (21,473,540 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998 among Member States, at a monthly rate of 5,687,385 dollars gross (5,368,385 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 20 July 1998;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,276,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 2,570,300 dollars gross (2,163,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 2,570,300 dollars gross (2,163,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

88th plenary meeting
26 June 1998

52/229. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan[37] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[38]

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the latest of which was resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, in which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission of Observers and extended its mandate,

Recalling also its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decision thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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[37] A/52/772/Add.1.

[38] A/52/817.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 3,232,333 United States dollars, representing 12 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 15 May 1998, notes that some 12 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[38]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Decides*, taking into account the commitment authority provided by the Advisory Committee, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan a total amount of 15 million dollars gross (14,335,000 dollars net) for the expansion of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237;

8. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 5,379,440 dollars gross (5,290,960 dollars net) for the period ending 15 May 1998 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, in addition to the amount of 7,241,241 dollars gross (6,756,141 dollars net) already apportioned for the period ending 15 May 1998;

9. *Decides further*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 2,379,319 dollars gross (2,287,899 dollars net) for the period from 16 May to 30 June 1998 among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 8 above, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 15 May 1998;

10. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the total estimated staff assessment income of 665,000 dollars approved for the period ending 30 June 1998;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-second session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

82nd plenary meeting
31 March 1998

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan[39] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[40]

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council established the

[39] A/52/772 and Add.2.

[40] A/52/860/Add.8

United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the most recent of which was resolution 1167 (1998) of 14 May 1998,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, by which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission of Observers,

Recalling further its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 6.9 million United States dollars, representing some 22 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 15 May 1998, notes that some 5 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[40]

6. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission of Observers with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Mission of Observers shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission of Observers against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission of Observers;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the initial amount of 8,015,120 United States dollars gross (7,587,120 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998, inclusive of an amount of 415,120 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 428,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 October 1998;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,507,900 dollars gross (1,304,300 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,507,900 dollars gross (1,304,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

88th plenary meeting
26 June 1998

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

52/230. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973, 43/232 of 1 March 1989, 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, concerning the composition of groups for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations,

Recalling also its resolution 51/218 C of 18 December 1996 concerning the placement of Slovakia in a group for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations for the period ending 31 December 1996,

1. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peacekeeping expenses, that, from 1 April 1998, Slovakia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*c*) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peacekeeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the scale of assessments approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and subsequent resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly concerning future scales of assessments;

2. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peacekeeping expenses, that, for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 March 1998, Slovakia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (*c*) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peacekeeping operations for this period shall be calculated in accordance with the scales of assessments approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and 52/215 A and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995;

3. *Decides further* that the contributions of Slovakia for the financing of peacekeeping operations in respect of assessments issued during the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 March 1998 shall be credited to Member States in proportion to their effective rates of assessment for the financing of peacekeeping operations during the period, subject to the following:

(*a*) Member States included in the groups set out in paragraphs 3 (*c*) and (*d*) of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions, shall be credited with the full amount by which their aggregate contributions for the financing of peacekeeping operations during the period in question exceeded the aggregate level that would have applied had Slovakia been included in one of the groups of Member States set out in paragraph 3 of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions;

(*b*) The full balance of the contributions of Slovakia for the financing of peacekeeping operations for the period in question, after provision for crediting Member States pursuant to paragraph 3 (*a*) above, shall be credited to Member States included in the group set out in paragraph 3 (*b*) of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions.

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31 March 1998

52/234. Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997,

Also reaffirming Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 52/12 A of 12 November 1997,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities[41] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[42]

Reaffirming regulation 7.2 and rule 107.7 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that there is strict compliance with the provisions of its resolution 51/243, in particular paragraphs 4 and 9;

2. *Reaffirms* that the programme of work and mandates approved by Member States must be financed in the manner determined by the General Assembly, based upon proposals of the Secretary-General;

3. *Recognizes* that the use of gratis personnel should not be the result of poor personnel planning, and emphasizes that gratis personnel are not a substitute for staff to be recruited against authorized posts for the implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

4. *Decides* that gratis personnel should not be sought for positions kept vacant solely for financial reasons;

5. *Reiterates* that it is necessary that fully substantiated and comprehensive proposals on the total requirements from all sources of funding be presented so as to enable the General Assembly to decide on the level of resources required to implement fully all mandated programmes and activities, and requests that the Secretary-General present all future budgets and budget outlines in that manner, in accordance with Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;

6. *Decides* that gratis personnel shall not be considered staff members of the United Nations;

7. *Endorses* the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[43] that lack of adequate staff resources should not give rise to the acceptance of type II gratis personnel and that in the future clearer demonstration and justification should be given that acceptance of gratis personnel meets the requisite criteria contained in paragraph 4 of resolution 51/243;

8. *Also endorses* the observation of the Advisory Committee[44] that type II gratis personnel should not be accepted on the grounds of failure by the Secretariat to recruit staff in an expeditious manner;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete, as a matter of priority, the process of recruitment of staff to replace type II gratis personnel in accordance with resolution 51/243 by the end of February 1999, including through the redeployment of staff, recruitment of civilians, civilian police and serving military officers of Member States, as well as through changes in work distribution and methods, and to ensure adequate handover arrangements to provide the continuity of expertise and the proper and efficient functioning of all departments concerned, in accordance with Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

10. *Notes* the commitment of the Secretary-General[45] to phase out gratis personnel and to replace them with United Nations-funded personnel by the end of February 1999, as presented to the Fifth Committee at its resumed 68th meeting, on 26 June 1998;[46]

11. *Emphasizes* that expeditious implementation of action 3, contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform",[47] is relevant to his task of managing the Secretariat in accordance with Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, and is essential for sustaining the momentum of reform;

12. *Looks forward* to the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on, *inter alia*, the implementation of action 3, to be submitted to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-third session;

13. *Notes with concern* that functions that should be performed by the staff of the United Nations are being

[41] A/52/698, A/52/709 and Corr.1, A/52/710 and A/52/823.

[42] A/52/890.

[43] Ibid., para. 4.

[44] Ibid., para. 6.

[45] See A/C.5/52/54. See also A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, circulated on 14 July 1998.

[46] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 68th meeting (A/C.5/52/SR.68/Add.1), and corrigendum.

[47] A/51/950.

performed by gratis personnel, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that functions such as verification of claims, processing reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment and development of personnel databases, which are considered to be core functions, are performed by United Nations personnel;

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of 9 March 1998;[48]

15. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto ensure that future quarterly reports on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel are issued in a timely fashion and that they contain more accurate, comprehensive, complete and integrated information about gratis personnel, similar to the information provided in the first report on type II gratis personnel,[49] so as to enable Member States to take informed decisions;

16. *Approves* the revised guidelines on gratis personnel as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General of 21 November 1997[50] and the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 11 of its report[42] and annex I thereto, as well as the explanation contained in that annex, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

17. *Decides* to amend paragraph 9 of the report of the Secretary-General[50] as follows:

> "9. Gratis personnel may not supervise staff members in the exercise of their official duties or be involved in decisions affecting the status, rights and entitlements of staff members. The only exception to this rule would be in those cases where the gratis personnel might have managerial responsibility for staff members who provide direct support to them.";

18. *Also decides* to add at the end of the first sentence of paragraph 12 of the report[50] the following words: "unless there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Secretary-General, in which case the approval of the General Assembly should be sought to maintain the gratis personnel beyond this period";

19. *Regrets* the contradictory and inconsistent information provided to the Fifth Committee by representatives of the Secretary-General on this issue, which affected adversely the deliberations of the Committee and impeded informed and timely decisions;

20. *Decides* to resume consideration of the issue of gratis personnel at the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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[48] A/52/823.

[49] A/52/709 and Corr.1.

[50] A/52/698.

52/235. Development Account

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 24 of its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997,

Recalling also its decision 52/477 of 6 May 1998,

Recalling further its resolutions 52/220 and 52/221 A to C of 22 December 1997,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs,[51] and having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account[52] and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,[53]

1. *Regrets* that the quality of the report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs[51] and the note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account[52] did not fully meet the requirements of resolution 52/12 B and did not provide substantive information or a clear direction to enable it to take a final decision at this time, and also regrets the failure to issue the document on the exact use of the 13 million United States dollars already allocated to the Development Account;

2. *Emphasizes* that the efficiency measures should not adversely affect the full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities;

3. *Also emphasizes* that the efficiency measures should not lead to a process of budgetary reduction and should not result in the involuntary separation of staff;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly no later than 31 July 1998, at the third part of its resumed fifty-second session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the detailed report on the sustainability of the Development Account, the modalities of its implementation, the specific purposes and the associated performance criteria for the use of resources, requested in its resolution 52/12 B and decision 52/477, and to include in the report the following elements:

(*a*) Identification of the types and areas of efficiency measures to be implemented throughout the Secretariat and estimates of the amounts and percentages of the possible savings to be achieved;

(*b*) An analysis of the impact of such efficiency measures on the staffing levels of the Organization and on the delivery of mandated programmes and activities;

[51] A/52/758.

[52] A/52/848.

[53] A/52/894; and A/52/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

(*c*) The sustainability of the Development Account and its activities beyond the year 2003;

(*d*) Specific proposals on the programmatic objectives and direction of the Development Account in accordance with the priorities set out in the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, taking into consideration the complementarity of the activities of the Development Account with other relevant sections of the programme budget;

5. *Notes* that the amount of 200 million dollars suggested by the Secretary-General is an indicative target to fund the Development Account and that no time-frame should be specified for reaching that target;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals on the use of the funds available in section 34, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 to the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as soon as possible and not later than 31 July 1998;

7. *Decides* to return to the issues related to the Development Account for further consideration and appropriate action, based on the detailed report referred to in paragraph 4 above, at the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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25 June 1998

52/236. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[54] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[55]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1169 (1998) of 27 May 1998,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/232 of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 50.1 million United States dollars, representing 4.3 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 31 May 1998, notes that some 20.4 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[55]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

[54] A/52/771 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.

[55] A/52/860/Add.5.

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

8. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 35,400,100 dollars gross (34,506,400 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 1,756,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned among Member States at the monthly rate of 2,950,008 dollars gross (2,875,533 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 November 1998;

9. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 878,700 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides further* that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the estimated other income of 15,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the surplus balance of 1,071,000 dollars for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995 and of the interest income of 1,671,000 dollars for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the surplus balance of 1,071,000 dollars for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995 and of the interest income of 1,671,000 dollars for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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26 June 1998

52/237. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 51/233 of 13 June 1997,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon[56] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[57]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1151 (1998) of 30 January 1998,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/233,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

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[56] A/52/804 and A/52/806 and Add.1.

[57] A/52/860/Add.6.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 106.2 million United States dollars, representing 3.8 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1998, notes that some 18.3 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolution 51/233;

4. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolution 51/233;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 51/233, stressing that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,773,618 dollars resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

7. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

8. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[57]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 142,984,560 dollars gross (139,133,160 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 7,152,660 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned among Member States at the monthly rate of 11,915,380 dollars gross (11,594,430 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 July 1998;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,831,400 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

13. *Decides further* that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share of the estimated other income of 20,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

14. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,098,190 dollars in respect of the reserve account for the third-party liability insurance of helicopters;

15. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 3,098,190 dollars in respect of the reserve account for the third-party liability insurance of helicopters shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

16. *Decides further* that the additional requirement of 639,356 dollars, which relates to the incident at Qana, for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, will be treated in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/233;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in

accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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52/238. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission[58] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[59]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling also its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/234 of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observation Mission that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.6 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 April 1998, notes that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its continued appreciation* of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

5. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observation Mission in full and on time;

6. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[59]

7. *Decides* to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 5 per cent across-the-board reductions of the budget proposals of the Secretary-General in the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Observation Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

10. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 52,143,800 dollars gross (50,255,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 2,618,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, a two-thirds share of this amount, equivalent to 33,503,700 dollars, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

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[58] A/52/790 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and A/52/824.

[59] A/52/860/Add.7.

11. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Observation Mission, equivalent to 33,503,700 dollars, to apportion among Member States the amount of 18,640,100 dollars gross (16,751,900 dollars net), representing one third of the cost of the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, the said amount to be apportioned at a monthly rate of 1,553,342 dollars gross (1,395,992 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

12. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,888,200 dollars approved for the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

13. *Decides* that, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Observation Mission, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,625,800 dollars gross (1,250,900 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 4,127,600 dollars gross (3,752,700 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

14. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,625,800 dollars gross (1,250,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

15. *Decides further* that two thirds of the net unencumbered balance of 3,752,700 dollars, equivalent to 2,501,800 dollars, shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

16. *Expresses deep concern* about the overpayment of mission subsistence allowance, at present calculated at 6,312,201.53 dollars, as well as the inaccuracy of the earlier estimated amount of 988,443.50 dollars, which represents a drastic increase of 5,323,758.03 dollars, and the delay in reporting the matter to the General Assembly;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary measures to ensure that voluntary contributions towards the budgeted cost of the Observation Mission shall be utilized only in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to recover the overpayment of mission subsistence allowance in the revised estimated amount of 6,312,201.53 dollars and to submit a separate report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off, including measures taken with respect to those responsible for the overpayment on the basis of the conclusion of the inquiry;

19. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the recovery process, taking into account the results of the inquiry and bearing in mind various aspects of this measure;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all managers exercising financial responsibility are issued with the revised and updated version of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

21. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that every official of the United Nations is responsible to the Secretary-General for the regularity of the actions taken by him or her in the course of his or her official duties and that any official who takes any action contrary to the Financial Rules, or to the administrative instructions issued in connection therewith, may be held personally responsible and financially liable for the consequences of such action;

22. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General in its resolution 49/218 of 23 December 1994 to include full implementation of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations as a specific performance indicator in the performance appraisal of all managers;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, under the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

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26 June 1998

52/239. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing and liquidation of the United Nations

Transitional Authority in Cambodia[60] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[61]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 717 (1991) of 16 October 1991, 718 (1991) of 31 October 1991, 728 (1992) of 8 January 1992, 745 (1992) of 28 February 1992, 766 (1992) of 21 July 1992, 783 (1992) of 13 October 1992, 792 (1992) of 30 November 1992, 810 (1993) of 8 March 1993, 826 (1993) of 20 May 1993, 835 (1993) of 2 June 1993, 840 (1993) of 15 June 1993, 860 (1993) of 27 August 1993 and 880 (1993) of 4 November 1993,

Recalling its resolutions 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 46/198 B of 14 February 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia, 46/222 A of 14 February 1992, 47/209 A of 22 December 1992, 47/209 B of 14 September 1993 and 48/255 of 26 May 1994 on the financing of the Transitional Authority and 46/222 B of 22 May 1992 on the financing of the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Advance Mission and the Transitional Authority, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made by certain Governments to the Advance Mission, the Transitional Authority and the related trust funds,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Authority with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its commitments and obligations, which have not been met on a current basis owing to delays in the payment of assessed contributions by Member States,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 46.3 million United States dollars, representing 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Transitional Authority to the period ending 30 June 1994, notes that some 57 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Authority in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the information provided on the final disposition of the property of the Transitional Authority in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General;[62]

6. *Also takes note* of the excellent report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of the administration and management of the Transitional Authority;[63]

7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue the evaluation exercise for other peacekeeping operations, including an analysis of the problems encountered and measures taken to identify and correct them, and to make proposals for their solution;

8. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[61]

9. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 32,562,900 dollars gross (25,691,600 dollars net) appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/255, to be offset by an equal amount from miscellaneous income, in accordance with paragraph 9 of that resolution;

10. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia the amount of 17,724,400 dollars gross (21,232,600 dollars net) to meet the additional requirements of the Transitional Authority, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A

[60] A/49/714 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1, A/51/777 and A/52/819.

[61] A/49/867 and A/52/865.

[62] A/49/714/Add.1.

[63] A/51/777.

of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

11. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 6,871,300 dollars approved for the period from 1 September 1993 to 31 March 1994;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,508,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 November 1991 to 31 December 1995;

13. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Authority, there shall be credited their respective share of the balance of the cumulative miscellaneous income of 1,799,400 dollars, the cumulative interest income of 6,944,000 dollars and any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the Special Account for the Transitional Authority;

14. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Authority, their share of the balance of the cumulative miscellaneous income of 1,799,400 dollars, the cumulative interest income of 6,944,000 dollars and any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the Special Account for the Transitional Authority shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

15. *Takes note* of the views expressed by Member States on the cumulative interest income in the Special Account for the Transitional Authority ;

16. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Transitional Authority with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Transitional Authority shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia".

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Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received, shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

52/240. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique[64] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[65]

Recalling Security Council resolution 797 (1992) of 16 December 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 957 (1994) of 15 November 1994, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Operation until the new Government of Mozambique took office but not later than 15 December 1994, and authorized it to complete its residual operations prior to its withdrawal on or before 31 January 1995,

Recalling also its resolutions 47/224 A and B of 16 March 1993 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 49/235 of 10 March 1995,

[64] A/49/649/Add.3, A/51/807 and A/52/680 and Add.1.

[65] A/52/853.

Reaffirming that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Operation, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 38.6 million United States dollars, representing 7.3 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Operation to the period ending 31 March 1995, notes that some 54 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full to facilitate the closing of the Special Account for the Operation;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[65]

6. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Operation with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments which provided contingents and/or logistic support for the Operation shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Reiterates* its resolutions 50/222 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 E of 17 June 1997;

8. *Emphasizes* that, in implementing paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/222, double payment and/or overpayment or underpayment should be avoided so as to ensure that reimbursement is in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly;

9. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 36,956,800 dollars gross (35,705,000 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 March 1995 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 10,328,200 dollars and interest income of 4,971,000 dollars;

10. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, their share of the unencumbered balance of 36,956,800 dollars gross (35,705,000 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 March 1995 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 10,328,200 dollars and interest income of 4,971,000 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

11. *Takes note* of the views expressed by Member States on the treatment of accumulated interest income in the Special Account for the Operation;

12. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of the assets of the Operation;[66]

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique".

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Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique until payment is effected;

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been

[66] A/52/680.

received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

52/241. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[67] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[68]

Having considered also the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the termination benefits paid to the locally employed civilians in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus,[69]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1146 (1997) of 23 December 1997,

Recalling also its resolution 51/235 of 13 June 1997 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation to all those Member States and observer States which have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all of the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[70]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.3 million United States dollars, representing 13.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period ending 30 June 1998, notes that some 21.1 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[68]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the mission;

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[67] A/52/775 and Add.1.

[68] A/52/860/Add.4.

[69] A/52/886, annex.

[70] See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994*, document S/1994/647.

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of 602,900 dollars gross (647,400 dollars net), in addition to the amount of 45,079,500 dollars gross (43,049,600 dollars net) already appropriated for the Force under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 50/236 of 7 June 1996, for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 215,800 dollars, by the Government of Cyprus;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 215,800 dollars, by the Government of Cyprus, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 387,100 dollars gross (431,600 dollars net), in addition to the amount of 45,079,500 dollars gross (43,049,600 dollars net) already authorized under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 50/236 for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 44,500 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of 45,276,160 dollars gross (43,536,860 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of an amount of 2,267,160 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations;

12. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 14,512,300 dollars, by the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, to appropriate the amount of 24,263,860 dollars gross (22,524,560 dollars net), for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to be apportioned among Member States at a monthly rate of 2,021,988 dollars gross (1,877,047 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1998;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,739,300 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

14. *Expresses deep concern* about the information in paragraph 31 of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[69] regarding the Memorandum of Understanding which led to the payment by the United Nations of the termination benefits;

15. *Decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

16. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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52/242. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[71] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[72]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1150 (1998) of 30 January 1998,

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[71] A/52/770 and A/52/787.

[72] A/52/860/Add.2.

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/236 of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 6.4 million United States dollars, representing 10 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1998, notes that some 22 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[72]

6. *Decides* to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 5 per cent across-the-boardreductions in the budget proposals of the Secretary-Generalin the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 19,439,280 dollars gross (18,452,580 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 989,880 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States at a monthly rate of 1,619,940 dollars gross (1,537,715 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 31 July 1998;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 986,700 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 818,300 dollars gross (616,700 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1997;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 818,300 dollars gross (616,700 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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52/243. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[73] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[74]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for an initial period of one year, and Council resolution 1174 (1998) of 15 June 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 21 June 1999,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1147 (1998) of 13 January 1998, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 July 1998,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 52/437 of 18 December 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 66.6 million United States dollars, representing 19 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 21 June 1998, notes that some 19 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[74]

6. *Decides* to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 5 per cent across-the-board reductions in the budget proposals of the Secretary-General in the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina the amount of 189,483,720 dollars gross (179,593,320 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 9,483,720 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States at a monthly rate of 15,790,310 dollars gross (14,966,110 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the

[73] A/52/708 and Corr.1 and A/52/786.

[74] A/52/860/Add.3.

Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 21 June 1999;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 9,890,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 33,031,700 dollars gross (30,731,700 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1997;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 33,031,700 dollars gross (30,731,700 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

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52/244. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group[75] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[76]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium for an initial period of twelve months, and 1145 (1997) of 19 December 1997, by which the Council noted the termination of the Transitional Administration on 15 January 1998 and established the Civilian Police Support Group for a single period of up to nine months,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/153 B of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Transitional Administration are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Transitional Administration,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 37.9 million United States dollars, representing 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Transitional Administration to the period ending 15 January 1998, notes that some 24 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

[75] A/52/722 and A/52/801.

[76] A/52/859.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration and the Civilian Police Support Group in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[76]

6. *Decides* to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 5 per cent across-the-board reductions of the budget proposals of the Secretary-General in the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration and the Support Group are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Support Group against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Support Group;

9. *Decides* to continue to use the Special Account for the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/242 of 7 June 1996, for the Support Group beginning on 16 January 1998;

10. *Decides also* to reduce the appropriation provided by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/153 B in the amount of 275,344,900 dollars gross (266,226,000 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10,276,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, to the amount of 134,824,800 dollars gross (129,235,900 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10,276,000 dollars for the support account;

11. *Decides further* to reduce the apportionment provided by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/153 B at a monthly rate of 22,945,408 dollars gross (22,185,500 dollars net), subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Transitional Administration, to the amount of 111,824,800 dollars gross (107,572,100 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 1997 to the end of its mandate on 15 January 1998;

12. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 23 million dollars gross (21,663,800 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Transitional Administration and the maintenance of the Support Group for the period from 16 January to 30 June 1998 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,336,200 dollars approved for the period from 16 January to 30 June 1998;

14. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 15,899,400 dollars gross (13,162,800 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1997;

15. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration, their share of the unencumbered balance of 15,899,400 dollars gross (13,162,800 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

16. *Decides also* to appropriate the amount of 7,483,160 dollars gross (6,994,260 dollars net) for the maintenance and liquidation of the Support Group for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1998, inclusive of the amount of 383,160 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A;

17. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 488,900 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1998;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration and the Support Group in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia,

Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group".

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52/245. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force[77] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[78]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force for a final period, until 31 August 1998,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/154 B of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 11.3 million United States dollars, representing 9 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1998, notes that some 20 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[78]

6. *Decides* to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 5 per cent across-the-board reductions of the budget proposals of the Secretary-General in the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/477 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be

[77] A/52/768 and A/52/805.

[78] A/52/860/Add.1.

set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 473,500 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,264,400 dollars gross (560,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1997;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,264,400 dollars gross (560,300 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".

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52/246. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti[79] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[80]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, and 1086 (1996) of 5 December 1996, by which the Council extended its mandate until 31 July 1997,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period,

Bearing in mind further Security Council resolution 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti until 30 November 1998,

Recalling its resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the Support Mission and its subsequent decisions and resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/15 B of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Support Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Support Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Missions by certain Governments,

Noting that the assessed contributions to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti will cover only direct and indirect costs associated with the six hundred contingent personnel and the three hundred civilian police authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 1063 (1996), the five hundred contingent personnel and the three hundred civilian police authorized by the Council in its resolution 1086 (1996) and the fifty military personnel and the three hundred civilian police authorized by the Council in its resolution 1141 (1997),

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 7.5 million United States dollars, representing 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Support Mission to the period ending 15 March 1998, notes that some 34 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional

[79] A/52/512, A/52/798, A/52/854 and A/52/869.

[80] A/52/905.

burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Missions in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[80]

6. *Decides* to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for 5 per cent across-the-board reductions of the budget proposals of the Secretary-General in the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary action to ensure that the Missions are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

9. *Decides* to continue to use the Special Account for the Support Mission, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/15 A, for the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti beginning on 1 August 1997 and for the Civilian Police Mission beginning on 1 December 1997;

10. *Decides also* to appropriate the amount of 13,227,900 dollars gross (12,602,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Support Mission, the Transition Mission and the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of 15,091,000 dollars gross (14,478,400 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/15 B and inclusive of the amount of 9,237,300 dollars gross (8,805,800 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

11. *Decides further*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 15,091,000 dollars gross (14,478,400 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 51/15 B, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 13,227,900 dollars gross (12,602,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 625,400 dollars approved for the Missions for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 9,117,000 dollars gross (8,279,700 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1997;

14. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their obligations to the Support Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 9,117,000 dollars gross (8,279,700 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

15. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 17,704,685 dollars gross (16,959,085 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 894,085 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 745,600 dollars approved for the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Civilian Police in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti".

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52/247. Third-party liability: temporal and financial limitations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/13 of 4 November 1996 on third-party liability against the United Nations resulting or arising from peacekeeping operations conducted by the Organization, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to develop specific measures, including criteria and guidelines for implementing the principles of temporal and financial limitations on the liability of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on third-party liability[81] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[82]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on third-party liability;[81]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[82]

3. *Endorses* the proposals of the Secretary-General[83] for implementing the principles of temporal and financial limitations on the liability of the Organization;

4. *Also endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[84]

5. *Decides* that the temporal and financial limitations set out in paragraphs 8 to 11 below shall apply to third-party claims against the Organization for personal injury, illness or death, and for property loss or damage (including non-consensual use of premises) resulting from or attributable to the activities of members of peacekeeping operations in the performance of their official duties, as described in paragraph 13 of the report of the Secretary-General;[81]

6. *Endorses* the view of the Secretary-General that liability is not engaged in relation to third-party claims resulting from or attributable to the activities of members of peacekeeping operations arising from "operational necessity", as described in paragraph 14 of the first report of the Secretary-General on third-party liability;[85]

7. *Also endorses* the views of the Secretary-General, reflected in paragraph 14 of his report,[81] with regard to third-party claims resulting from gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the personnel provided by troop-contributing States for peacekeeping operations, and requests him to report on their implementation in the relevant performance reports;

8. *Decides* that, where the liability of the Organization is engaged in relation to third-party claims against the Organization resulting from peacekeeping operations, the Organization will not pay compensation in regard to such claims submitted after six months from the time the damage, injury or loss was sustained, or from the time it was discovered by the claimant, and in any event after one year from the termination of the mandate of the peacekeeping operation, provided that in exceptional circumstances, such as described in paragraph 20 of the report of the Secretary-General,[81] the Secretary-Generalmay accept for consideration a claim made at a later date;

9. *Decides also*, in respect of third-party claims against the Organization for personal injury, illness or death resulting from peacekeeping operations, that:

(*a*) Compensable types of injury or loss shall be limited to economic loss, such as medical and rehabilitation expenses, loss of earnings, loss of financial support, transportation expenses associated with the injury, illness or medical care, legal and burial expenses;

(*b*) No compensation shall be payable by the United Nations for non-economic loss, such as pain and suffering or moral anguish, as well as punitive or moral damages;

(*c*) No compensation shall be payable by the United Nations for homemaker services and other such damages that, in the sole opinion of the Secretary-General, are impossible to verify or are not directly related to the injury or loss itself;

(*d*) The amount of compensation payable for injury, illness or death of any individual, including for the types of loss and expenses described in subparagraph (*a*) above, shall not exceed a maximum of 50,000 United States dollars, provided, however, that within such limitation the actual amount is to be determined by reference to local compensation standards;

(*e*) In exceptional circumstances, the Secretary-General may recommend to the General Assembly, for its approval, that the limitation of 50,000 dollars provided for in subparagraph (*d*) above be exceeded in a particular case if the Secretary-General, after carrying out the required investigation, finds that there are compelling reasons for exceeding the limitation;

10. *Decides further* in respect of third-party claims against the Organization for property loss or damage resulting from peacekeeping operations that:

(*a*) Compensation for non-consensual use of premises shall either: (i) be calculated on the basis of the fair rental value, determined on the basis of the local rental market prices that prevailed prior to the deployment of the peacekeeping operation as established by the United Nations pre-mission technical survey team; or (ii) not exceed a maximum ceiling amount payable per square metre or per hectare as established by the United Nations pre-mission technical survey team on the basis of available relevant information; the Secretary-General will decide on the appropriate method for calculating

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[81] A/51/903.

[82] A/52/410.

[83] See in particular A/51/903, sect. IV.

[84] A/52/410, para. 5.

[85] A/51/389.

compensation payable for non-consensual use of premises at the conclusion of the pre-mission technical survey;

(*b*) Compensation for loss or damage to premises shall either: (i) be calculated on the basis of the equivalent of a number of months of the rental value, or a fixed percentage of the rental amount payable for the period of United Nations occupancy; or (ii) be set at a fixed percentage of the cost of repair; the Secretary-General will decide on the appropriate method for calculating compensation payable for loss or damage to premises at the conclusion of the pre-mission technical survey;

(*c*) No compensation shall be payable by the United Nations for loss or damages that, in the sole opinion of the Secretary-General, are impossible to verify or are not directly related to the loss of or damage to the premises;

11. *Decides* that:

(*a*) Compensation for loss or damage to personal property of third parties arising from the activities of the operation or in connection with the performance of official duties by its members shall cover the reasonable costs of repair or replacement;

(*b*) No compensation shall be payable by the United Nations for loss or damages that, in the sole opinion of the Secretary-General, are impossible to verify or are not directly related to the loss of or damage to the personal property;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to implement the present resolution in respect of the status-of-forces agreements in accordance with paragraph 40 of his report;[85]

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the terms of reference of the local review boards include the temporal and financial limitations on the liability of the Organization, as set out in paragraphs 8 to 11 above, and that those boards rely on those temporal and financial limitations as a basis for their jurisdiction and recommendations for compensation for third-party claims against the Organization resulting from its peacekeeping operations .

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52/248. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997 and 51/239 B of 15 September 1997 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations,[86] the performance report on the use of support account resources for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[87] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[88]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Recalling its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, in which it stressed that enhancing the rapid deployment capacity of the United Nations in peacekeeping operations could play a valuable role in the effectiveness of its response to a conflict, and, in this context, requested the appropriate organs to consider, as a matter of priority, specific measures to that effect, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/69 of 10 December 1997 and taking into account the proposals to be submitted by the Secretary-General and the views of Member States,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[86] and the separate performance report on the use of support account resources for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[87]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[88]

3. *Concurs* with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 4 of its report that future performance reports on the use of support account resources should be analytical and explain important administrative issues that impact on the implementation of the approved budget under the support account;

4. *Regrets* the contradictory and inconsistent information provided to the Fifth Committee by representatives of the Secretary-General on this issue, which affected adversely the deliberations of the Committee and impeded informed and timely decision-making, and takes note that, for the same reasons, the Advisory Committee was unable to complete its consideration of this item, as reflected in paragraph 13 of its report;

5. *Also regrets* the delay in submission by the Secretary-General of his report on the support account, which resulted in the delay of the related report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that his next report on the support

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[86] A/52/837 and Corr.1.

[87] A/52/838.

[88] A/52/892.

account for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 should be issued to Member States no later than 28 February 1999;

6. *Notes* the improvement in the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account and requests him to make further improvements in accordance with its resolution 51/239 A and the present resolution;

7. *Recalls* its request in paragraph 7 of resolution 51/239 A for an in-depth evaluation of the structures and staffing of those divisions and units involved in the support for peacekeeping operations and regrets the lack of detail provided about the evaluation and that the useful information subsequently provided was not included in the original submission of the Secretary-General on the support account;

8. *Stresses* that the Secretary-General should submit annually comprehensive proposals on the total requirement for human and financial resources from all sources of funding for all departments involved in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

9. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

10. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States, and, to that effect, the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

11. *Decides* to maintain for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, as provisionally approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

12. *Expresses its concern* over the continuing acceptance of gratis personnel in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

13. *Notes* the commitment of the Secretary-General[89] to phase out gratis personnel and to replace them with United Nations-funded personnel by the end of February 1999, as presented to the Fifth Committee at its resumed 68th meeting on 26 June 1998;[90]

14. *Reiterates its request* in paragraph 26 of its resolution 51/239 A;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalexpeditiously to fill vacant support account posts in a transparent manner consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Articles 100 and 101, relevant resolutions and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, including the requirement regarding the use of official or working languages;

16. *Approves* four hundred support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

17. *Also approves* the proposal for conversion of the posts mentioned in paragraph 19 of the report of the Secretary-General,[86] subject to paragraph 16 above, and requests the Secretary-General to undertake functions currently carried out by type II gratis personnel within the level of approved posts, as reflected in paragraph 16, through recruitment, redeployment and changes in work distribution, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Advisory Committee with respect to the recruitment process, to ensure the required expertise of serving military officers and civilian police, in accordance with Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

18. *Further approves* the support account post and non-post requirements for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 in the amount of 34.4 million United States dollars;

19. *Notes* that the Advisory Committee intends to report in September 1998, having completed its detailed post-by-post justification on the basis of the information provided, on the workload of all posts, in accordance with resolutions 51/243 and 51/239 A, and would welcome its advice, as well as that of the Secretary-General,on the structure of those departments dealing with backstopping of peacekeeping operations, including issues of coordination and overlap;

20. *Decides* to consider that report as a basis for making a decision on the support account posts and funding by 15 October 1998 and that any changed requirements would be reflected in the relevant performance reports of each peacekeeping operation;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate immediately and complete the recruitment as required in the present resolution and in its resolution 52/234 of 26 June 1998;

22. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 2,468,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 and to appropriate the balance of 31,931,600 dollars, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to meet the financing requirements of the support account for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.

88th plenary meeting
26 June 1998

52/249. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central

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[89] See A/C.5/52/54. See also A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, circulated on 14 July 1998.

[90] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 68th meeting (A/C.5/52/SR.68/Add.1), and corrigendum.

African Republic[91] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[92]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1159 (1998) of 27 March 1998, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic for an initial period of three months, until 15 July 1998, and authorized the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure that the Mission was fully deployed by 15 April 1998,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation the voluntary contributions in kind that have so far been made to the Mission,

Noting also that no voluntary contributions have so far been made to the Trust Fund for the support of the Mission's activities,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under Security Council resolution 1159 (1998),

1. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic in full and on time;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[92]

3. *Takes note* of the information provided in paragraph 3 of the report of the Secretary-General[91] and in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[92]

4. *Requests* the Secretary-Generalto take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report in his next financial performance report on the Mission on the implementation and efficiency of the system of providing allowances in lieu of rations to various contingents serving in the Mission;

7. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 18,560,600 United States dollars gross (18,335,500 dollars net) for the establishment and operation of the Mission for the period from 27 March to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 12,844,900 dollars gross (12,469,900 dollars net) previously authorized by the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-Generalto establish a special account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic;

8. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 18,560,600 dollars gross (18,335,500 dollars net) for the period from 27 March to 30 June 1998 among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 225,100 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 27 March to 30 June 1998;

10. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of 29,105,850 dollars gross (28,369,350 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1998, inclusive of the amount of 1,468,850 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations;

11. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,910,585 dollars gross (2,836,935 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 15 July 1998, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A;

12. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as

[91] A/52/895.

[92] A/52/911.

provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 73,650 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 to 15 July 1998;

13. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 26,195,265 dollars gross (25,532,415 dollars net) for the period from 16 July to 30 November 1998 at a monthly rate of 5,821,170 dollars gross (5,673,870 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 July 1998;

14. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 662,850 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 16 July to 30 November 1998;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic".

88th plenary meeting
26 June 1998

52/252. Revisions to article I of the Staff Regulations and chapter I of the 100 series of the Staff Rules of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 97, 98, 100, 101 and 105 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997,

Noting with concern the limited time it had at its disposal to consider this matter,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General of 17 October 1997[93] and 28 July 1998[94] entitled "Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct",

Taking note with appreciation of the comments provided by the International Civil Service Commission on the revised text of article I of the Staff Regulations and chapter I of the 100 series of the Staff Rules applicable to United Nations staff members,[95]

Taking note of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee on this question,[96]

Having heard the views expressed by staff representatives in the Fifth Committee[97] in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213 of 17 December 1980,

1. *Adopts* the revised text of article I of the Staff Regulations, and takes note of the revised text of chapter I of the 100 series of the Staff Rules applicable to United Nations staff members, as set out in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General of 17 October 1997,[93] and not to other organizations, subject to the following modifications:

(*a*) The provisions contained in new staff regulations 1.1 (*c*) and 1.2 (*g*), and in new staff rule 101.2 (*h*) of the original proposal as set out in the report of the Secretary-General of 17 October 1997, which deal with staff representatives, are deleted, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General of 28 July 1998;[94]

(*b*) The phrase "and in the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly" is inserted after "Staff Regulations and Rules" in new staff regulation 1.1 (*c*);

(*c*) The phrase "in the employment of staff and" is deleted from new staff regulation 1.1 (*d*);

(*d*) Article 99 is deleted from annex I, section A;[93]

(*e*) At the end of new staff regulation 1.1 (*f*), the words "in accordance with the relevant instruments" are added;

(*f*) New staff regulation 1.2 (*o*) is replaced with the following:

> "All staff members at the assistant secretary-general level and above shall be required to file financial disclosure statements upon appointment and at intervals as prescribed by the Secretary-General, in respect of themselves and their dependent children, including any substantial transfers of assets and property to spouses and dependent children from the staff member or from any other source that might constitute a conflict of interest, after knowledge of the appointment or during its tenure, to provide certification stating that there is no conflict of interest with regard to the economic activities of spouses and dependent children, and to assist the Secretary-General in verifying the above-mentioned certification on his special request. The financial disclosure statements

[93] A/52/488.

[94] A/52/488/Add.1.

[95] See A/52/30/Add.1.

[96] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 53rd, 56th, 58th and 67th to 69th meetings (A/C.5/52/SR.53, 56, 58 and 67-69), and corrigendum.

[97] Ibid., 53rd meeting (A/C.5/52/SR.53), and corrigendum.

will remain confidential and will only be used, as prescribed by the Secretary-General, in making determinations pursuant to staff regulation 1.2 (*n*);"

2. *Decides* to insert between the second and third sentences of the text of the "Scope and purpose" provision of the Staff Regulations, the following sentence:

"For the purposes of these Regulations, the expressions 'United Nations Secretariat', 'staff members' or 'staff' shall refer to all the staff members of the Secretariat, within the meaning of Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, whose employment and contractual relationship are defined by a letter of appointment subject to regulations promulgated by the General Assembly pursuant to Article 101, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations.";

3. *Decides also* that the amendments to the Staff Regulations adopted in the present resolution and the related amendments to the Staff Rules shall become effective on 1 January 1999;

4. *Emphasizes* that the implementation of new staff regulation 1.2 (*b*) should take into account also the definition of integrity provided in the 1954 report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board entitled *Standards of Conduct in the International Civil Service*, in accordance with paragraph 28 of the comments of the International Civil Service Commission;[95]

5. *Also emphasizes* that the implementation of new staff rule 101.2 (*d*) should be in accordance with the definition provided in administrative instruction ST/AI/379 of 29 October 1992;

6. *Further emphasizes* that managers, as staff members, are bound by the duties and obligations set out in new article I of the Staff Regulations and chapter I of the 100 series of the Staff Rules, and that their higher-level functions and responsibilities entail increased accountability for the proper performance of all their duties in managing the human and financial resources entrusted to them;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to emphasize in the commentary on new article I of the Staff Regulations and chapter I of the 100 series of the Staff Rules that the higher level of responsibilities associated with managerial functions entails a commensurate increase in the accountability of managers;

8. *Stresses* the importance of the provisions governing the status and the basic rights and duties of staff members, requests the Secretary-General to issue to every staff member in separate form the text of Articles 97, 98, 100, 101 and 105 of the Charter of the United Nations and relevant extracts from the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 22 A (I) of 13 February 1946, as well as the text of new article I of the Staff Regulations and chapter I of the 100 series of the Staff Rules, together with the explanatory commentary,[96] the text of the present resolution and the 1954 report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board entitled *Standards of Conduct in the International Civil Service*;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the submission to the General Assembly, by its fifty-fourth session, of appropriate regulations and rules governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General, officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, as a matter of priority, additional rules for particular groups of staff such as finance officers, procurement officers and staff of separately funded organs, in accordance with paragraph 10 of his report;[97]

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a text of the Staff Regulations drafted in gender-neutral terms;

12. *Notes* that the Secretary-General will prepare amendments to the 200 and 300 series of the Staff Rules to reflect the amendments to article I of the Staff Regulations, and notes also that such amendments to the Staff Rules are subject to the requirements of staff regulations 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4;

13. *Notes further* that the International Civil Service Commission has decided to include in its work programme the updating of the 1954 *Standards of Conduct in the International Civil Service* of the International Civil Service Advisory Board in consultation with the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, and looks forward to the results of this review.

92th plenary meeting
8 September 1998

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[96] See A/52/488, annex II, and A/52/488/Add.1, sect. II.

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

52/308. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

B[1]

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[2] appointed Mr. Pedro Paulo d'Escragnolle-Taunay (Brazil) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 2 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 1998 as a result of the resignation of a member: Mr. José Antônio Marcondes de Carvalho (Brazil).

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Syed AKBARUDDIN (*India*),* Ms. Denise ALMAO (*New Zealand*),** Mr. Ammar AMARI (*Tunisia*),** Mr. Ioan BARAC (*Romania*),*** Mr. Leonid E. BIDNYI (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),** Mr. Pedro Paulo d'ESCRAGNOLLE-TAUNAY (*Brazil*),* Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),** Mr. Hasan JAWARNEH (*Jordan*),*** Mr. Mahamane Amadou MAIGA (*Mali*),*** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),*** Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),*** Mr. Klaus STEIN (*Germany*),* Mr. TANG Guangting (*China*),* Mr. Fumiaki TOYA (*Japan*)* and Mr. Giovanni Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/309. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

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At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 2 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 1999 as a result of the resignation of a member: Mr. Evgueni N. Deineko (Russian Federation).

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Iqbal AKHUND (*Pakistan*),** Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (*Netherlands*),* Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (*Latvia*),*** Mr. Sergio CHAPARRO RUIZ (*Chile*),* Mr. David ETUKET (*Uganda*),*** Mr. Neil Hewitt FRANCIS (*Australia*),* Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR (*Brazil*),** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),*** Mr. JU Kuilin (*China*),** Ms. Isabelle KLAIS (*Germany*),** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),**

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[1] Consequently, decision 52/308, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/308 A.

[2] A/52/670/Add.1, para. 4.

[3] Consequently, decision 52/309, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/309 A.

[4] A/52/671/Add.1, para. 4.

Mr. Atilio Norberto MOLTENI (*Argentina*),* Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud OULD EL GHAOUTH (*Mauritania*),* Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),** Mr. Prakash SHAH (*India*),*** Mr. Omar SIRRY (*Egypt*)* and Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (*Japan*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/313. Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 31 March 1998 and ending on 31 December 2000.

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At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed Mr. Mochamad Slamet Hidayat (Indonesia) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 26 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 2000.

As a result, the United Nations Staff Pension Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Mochamad Slamet HIDAYAT (*Indonesia*), Mr. Tadanori INOMATA (*Japan*), Mr. Gerhard KUNTZLE (*Germany*), Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*), Mr. Nester ODAGA-JALOMAYO (*Uganda*), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda OWADE (*Kenya*), Mr. Carlos Dante RIVA (*Argentina*) and Ms. Susan SHEAROUSE (*United States of America*).

52/321. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland) as a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 31 March 1998 and ending on 31 December 1998 as a result of the death of a member: Mr. Francis Spain (Ireland).

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix AMERASINGHE (*Sri Lanka*),*** Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),** Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),** Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),* Mr. Victor Yenyi OLUNGU (*Democratic Republic of the Congo*),***

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[5] Consequently, decision 52/313, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/313 A.

[6] A/52/676/Add.1, para. 6.

[7] A/52/676/Add.2, para. 4.

[8] Consequently, decision 52/321, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/321 A.

[9] A/52/674/Rev.1/Add.1, para. 4.

Ms. Deborah TAYLOR ASHFORD (*United States of America*)* and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (*France*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/322. Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 23 March 1998, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, and on the recommendation of the President,[10] appointed Mr. Armando Duque González (Colombia) as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2003.

As a result, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),** Mr. Fatih BOUAYAD-AGHA (*Algeria*),*** Mr. Armando DUQUE GONZÁLEZ (*Colombia*),**** Mr. John D. FOX (*United States of America*),** Mr. Homero Luis HERNÁNDEZ SÁNCHEZ (*Dominican Republic*),*** Mr. Eduard KUDRIAVTSEV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Sumihiro KUYAMA (*Japan*),* Mr. Francesco MEZZALAMA (*Italy*),*** Mr. Wolfgang M. MÜNCH (*Germany*),** Mr. Kahlil Issa OTHMAN (*Jordan*),*** and Mr. Louis Dominique OUEDRAOGO (*Burkina Faso*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.
**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

[10] A/52/111, para. 4.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

52/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

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At its 81st plenary meeting, on 23 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[12] decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*e*) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[13] decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*a*) of agenda item 97, entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership", and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 27 April 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[14] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 15 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[15] decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*a*) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[16] decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*b*) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Pakistan,[17] decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (*c*) of agenda item 95, entitled "Science and technology for development", and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretariat,[18] decided to consider agenda item 106, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women", directly in plenary meeting.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[19] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[20] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

52/460. Solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 2 February 1998 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 4 February 1998, the General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 2 February 1998 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce.[21]

52/477. United Nations reform: measures and proposals

A

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[22] requested the Fifth Committee to consider at its resumed session in May 1998 the note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account[23] and to consider as soon as possible the

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[11] Consequently, decision 52/402, in section B of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/402 A.

[12] A/52/105/Add.1.

[13] A/52/836.

[14] A/52/235.

[15] A/52/101/Rev.1/Add.1.

[16] A/52/102/Rev.1/Add.1.

[17] A/52/910.

[18] A/52/918.

[19] A/52/236.

[20] A/52/237.

[21] A/52/782.

[22] A/52/L.73/Rev.3; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 84th meeting (A/52/PV.84), and corrigendum.

[23] A/52/848.

report of the Secretary-General on a Revolving Credit Fund[24] and the note by the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures[25] and to make recommendations to the General Assembly on the proposals of the Secretary-General described in those documents.

B

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[22] decided to defer consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on core resources for development,[26] with a view to the Second Committee's examining, and making recommendations to the Assembly at its fifty-third session on, the proposals described therein, taking into account the discussion in other relevant bodies.

C

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[22] decided to defer to its fifty-third session consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on a new concept of trusteeship.[27]

D

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[22] welcomed the proposal of the Secretary-General to designate the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly in the year 2000 as the Millennium Assembly and decided to continue its consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on a Millennium Assembly, the United Nations system (Special Commission) and a Millennium Forum[28] at its fifty-third session.

E

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[22] welcomed the efforts of the Secretary-General in proposing time limits of new initiatives and decided to continue consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on that subject[29] during its fifty-second session.

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At its 90th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[30] decided to continue consideration of the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in his note entitled "Time limits of new initiatives (sunset provisions)"[31] at its fifty-third session.

52/479. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 4 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,[32] recalling its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994 and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly,[33] welcomed the views of the Presidents of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions reproduced therein[34] and expressed its appreciation to them for imparting their experience to the members of the Assembly, commended the efforts made by the Main Committees in the streamlining of their agendas and methods of work[35] and, on the basis of the work already accomplished in that field and the suggestions made by the Presidents, decided to continue its consideration of the process of revitalization of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

52/480. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 4 June 1998, the General Assembly took note of two letters dated 13 March 1998[36] and 27 May 1998[37] from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly.

52/490. Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 24 August 1998, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council,[38] established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993:

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Working Group on its work during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly;

(*b*) Decided that the Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the

[24] A/52/822.

[25] A/52/852.

[26] A/52/847.

[27] A/52/849.

[28] A/52/850.

[29] A/52/851.

[30] A/52/L.79.

[31] A/52/851 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[32] A/52/L.76.

[33] A/52/856.

[34] Ibid., sect. II.

[35] See A/52/856, sect. III.

[36] A/52/832.

[37] A/52/919.

[38] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 47* (A/52/47), para. 24.

forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first and fifty-second sessions of the Assembly, as well as the views expressed during the fifty-third session, and submit a report to the Assembly before the end of its fifty-third session, including any agreed recommendations.

52/491. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly took note of the letter dated 21 August 1998 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly.[39]

52/494. The situation in Burundi

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

52/495. Question of Cyprus

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Question of Cyprus".

52/496. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations".

52/497. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II".

52/498. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".

52/499. Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala".

52/500. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly was informed that the Security Council had not been in a position to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-second session the nominations for judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda in accordance with article 12 of the Statute of the Tribunal, that the item entitled "Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session and decided to conclude its consideration of that item.

52/501. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided, as it had not been possible duly to consider the nine nominations for judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia transmitted by the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly in a letter dated 27 August 1998,[40] to defer consideration of the item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/502. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-third session

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[41] decided that the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session.

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[39] A/52/1022.

[40] A/52/1023.

[41] A/52/340/Add.2.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

52/416. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

B[42]

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[43] recalling its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and bearing in mind the need to enhance the efficient functioning of the First Committee:

(*a*) Decided that, as from the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, the First Committee would:

(i) Make every effort to conduct and conclude its substantive work with the most efficient use of time in no less than thirty meetings and in a time-frame not exceeding five weeks;

(ii) Conduct its work by combining the existing phases of the programme of work: "Structured discussion of specific subjects on the adopted thematic approach on disarmament and international security agenda items" and "Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items", provided that sufficient time was allowed for informal consultations and discussions on all draft resolutions;

(*b*) Decided that the Chairman of the First Committee would continue consultations with regard to the revitalization, rationalization and streamlining of the work and reform of the agenda of the Committee in all its aspects and report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

(*c*) Decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee".

[42] Consequently, decision 52/416, in section B of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/416 A.

[43] A/52/612/Add.1, para. 4.

52/492. Report of the Disarmament Commission

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[44] recalling its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and bearing in mind the need to enhance the efficient functioning of the Disarmament Commission, decided that:

(*a*) The Disarmament Commission should continue to play a unique role within the mechanism on disarmament as the only body with universal membership for in-depth deliberations on relevant disarmament issues;

(*b*) As of the 2000 substantive session, the substantive agenda of the Disarmament Commission should normally comprise two agenda items per year from the whole range of disarmament issues, including one on nuclear disarmament; the possibility of a third agenda item would be retained if there was a consensus to adopt such an item; parallel meetings of its subsidiary bodies should be avoided;

(*c*) Annual substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission should last three weeks;

(*d*) Substantive agenda items should be considered in the Disarmament Commission for three years; other options for the duration of the consideration of an item, according to its specificity, could be adopted by consensus on an ad hoc basis;

(*e*) The regional groups should be urged to make possible the early election of the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies, preferably at the organizational session of the Commission in the autumn, so as to allow them to conduct inter-sessional consultations on the respective subjects. It is desirable that continuity of chairmanship of the subsidiary bodies be maintained throughout the consideration of a substantive item;

(*f*) Further optimization of the procedures of the Disarmament Commission, according to circumstances, could be a continuing consensus-based process, *inter alia*, in the context of the review of United Nations disarmament machinery.

[44] A/52/602/Add.1, para. 4.

3. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

52/478. Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[45]

[45] A/45/626/Add.5./Rev.1

4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

52/461. Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[46] having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct[47] and taking into account the views expressed by Member States:

(*a*) Invited the International Civil Service Commission to examine the proposed Code of Conduct, as a matter of priority, at its forty-seventh session, to be held in Rome from 20 April to 14 May 1998;

(*b*) Requested the Fifth Committee, in the light of the comments and observations of the International Civil Service Commission, to revert to the question of the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct during the second part of its resumed fifty-second session, with a view to taking a decision on it.

52/462. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[48]

(*a*) Took note of the unspent balance of 9,326,600 United States dollars from the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

(*b*) Decided to allocate:

(i) An amount of 2.5 million dollars to the Integrated Management Information System for 1998;

(ii) An amount of 1.3 million dollars for improving and refurbishing conference facilities;

(*c*) Also decided, in the light of subparagraph (*b*) above, to retain the balance with a view to financing the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, taking into account the recommendations of the Secretary-General in this regard.

52/463. Interim study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[49]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on an interim study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations;[50]

(*b*) Endorsed the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its related report;[51]

(*c*) Decided to consider the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on this question at its fifty-third session.

52/464. Reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[49] decided to defer consideration, until the second part of its resumed fifty-second session, of the report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs,[52] together with the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[53] pending the submission of the detailed report of the Secretary-General on the sustainability of the development account, the modalities of its implementation, the specific purposes and associated performance criteria for the use of

[46] A/52/746/Add.1, para. 10.

[47] A/52/488.

[48] A/52/743/Add.1, para. 4.

[49] A/52/744/Add.2, para. 16.

[50] A/52/699.

[51] See A/52/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[52] A/52/758.

[53] A/52/7/Add.10. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

resources, as requested by the Assembly in paragraph 24 of its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997.

52/465. Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[46]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on office accommodation at the Palais Wilson,[54] the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[55] and the oral statement made by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on 16 March 1998;[56]

(*b*) Approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to accept the offer of the Swiss authorities to place the office accommodation at the Palais Wilson in Geneva at the disposal of the United Nations;

(*c*) Noted that the cost estimate of the move to the Palais Wilson would amount to 5,805,000 United States dollars, of which the contribution from the Government of Switzerland would amount to 3,846,000 dollars and the balance of 1,959,000 dollars would be covered from existing resources available under section 27F (Administration, Geneva) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for the provision of accommodation at Geneva;

(*d*) Expressed appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for its offer to grant rent-free accommodation at the Palais Wilson to the year 2000;

(*e*) Requested the Swiss authorities to ensure the extension of the rent-free agreement beyond the year 2000, and invited the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to secure the assurance of the Swiss authorities in that regard;

(*f*) Decided that a cost-benefit analysis on the use of the existing conference facilities at the Palais des Nations in Geneva should be carried out and that a report containing its findings should be submitted to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-second session;

(*g*) Also decided to consider the proposal to build two additional conference rooms at the Palais Wilson in the light of the above-mentioned report;

(*h*) Further decided to consider the issue of office accommodation at its fifty-fourth session in the light of the decision to be taken in respect of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

[54] A/C.5/52/19 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

[55] See A/52/7/Add.4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[56] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 52nd meeting (A/C.5/52/SR.52), and corrigendum.

52/466. United Nations International Partnership Trust Fund

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[46] took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations International Partnership Trust Fund,[57] and requested the Secretary-General, taking into account the comments made in the Fifth Committee,[58] to report to the General Assembly, on a regular basis, on the activities of the Trust Fund and other related matters.

52/467. Joint Inspection Unit

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[59] decided to defer consideration of agenda item 118, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit", until the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

B

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[60] decided to defer consideration of agenda item 118, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit", until the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

C

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[61] decided to defer consideration of the agenda item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/468. Implementation of section A, paragraphs 5 and 6, of General Assembly resolution 52/214

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[62] and reiterating section A of resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, decided that the United Nations official holidays shall be set at ten days, in order to observe the two holidays of Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations duty stations.

[57] A/52/7/Add.9. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[58] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 55th meeting (A/C.5/52/SR.55), and corrigendum.

[59] A/52/842, para. 6.

[60] A/52/842/Add.1, para. 5.

[61] A/52/842/Add.2, para. 5.

[62] See A/52/734/Add.1, para. 20.

52/469. Upgrading of conference rooms and interpretation booths

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[62] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to ensure the necessary resources for the upgrading of conference rooms and interpretation booths.[63]

52/470. Documentation related to the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[62] decided, without prejudice to the relevant rules of procedure governing the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, that the documents related to the Conference that were issued by the Secretariat should be translated into the six official languages of the United Nations.

52/471. Implementation of section B, paragraphs 24 and 25, of General Assembly resolution 52/214

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[62] noted that documents were not being submitted as required under paragraphs 24 and 25 of section B of its resolution 52/214 B of 22 December 1997, and emphasized that the provisions of those paragraphs should be fully implemented.

52/472. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[64] took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[65]

52/473. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 A and B and 50/224

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[66] took note of the report of the Secretary-General[67] on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996.

[62] A/52/829.

[63] A/52/845, para. 5.

[64] A/52/818.

[65] A/52/453/Add.2, para. 10.

[66] A/C.5/52/38.

52/474. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[68] decided to defer consideration of agenda item 143, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", until the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[69] decided to defer consideration of agenda item 143, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", until the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

52/475. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the use of consultants

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[70] decided to consider at its fifty-third session the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the use of consultants[71] in the context of its consideration of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the engagement and the use of consultants, as requested by the Assembly in paragraph 4 of section VI of its resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997, under the item entitled "Human resources management".

52/476. Report submitted by the Secretary-General on behalf of and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[70] decided to defer until its fifty-third session consideration of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on behalf of and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations.[72]

[67] A/C.5/52/38.

[68] A/52/846, para. 5.

[69] A/52/846/Add.1, para. 5.

[70] See A/52/739/Add.1, para. 6.

[71] A/52/814, annex.

[72] A/C.5/52/2.

52/481. Guidelines for Internal Control Standards

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[73] decided to defer consideration of the question of the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards pending a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.

52/482. Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[73] decided to defer consideration of the question of the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms until the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

52/483. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[73] decided to defer consideration of the following thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and documents containing the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon until the third part of its resumed fifty-second session:

(*a*) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices of the secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO[74] and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon;[75]

(*b*) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into an alleged conflict of interest within the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)[76] and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon;[77]

(*c*) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the regional commissions;[78]

(*d*) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of programme management in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division;[79]

(*e*) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.[80]

52/484. Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[81] decided to defer consideration of the question of the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct until the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

52/485. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[82] and having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[83] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[84]

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Peace Forces[85] and requested the Board of Auditors to examine the report in the light of the views expressed by Member States thereon in the Fifth Committee;[86]

(*b*) Also took note of the concern of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions expressed in paragraph 6 of its report[84] regarding the use of gratis personnel as negotiators for the United Nations for wet-lease arrangements;

(*c*) Decided that in future detailed information on and justification of written-off and lost items should be provided in reports on the final disposition of assets of all peacekeeping operations;

(*d*) Decided also to defer consideration of the treatment of the unencumbered balance arising in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 pending the submission of the final performance report for the United Nations Peace Forces.

52/486. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[87] having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti[88] and the

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[73] See A/52/746/Add.2, para. 10.

[74] A/51/933, annex.

[75] See A/52/575, annex.

[76] A/52/339, annex.

[77] See A/52/339/Add.1, annex.

[78] A/52/776, annex.

[79] A/52/777, annex.

[80] A/52/821, annex.

[81] A/52/955, para. 6.

[82] A/52/935, para. 6.

[83] A/52/792 and A/52/815.

[84] A/52/868.

[85] A/52/792.

[86] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 63rd meeting (A/C.5/52/SR.63), and corrigendum.

[87] A/52/939, para. 6.

[88] A/52/833.

related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[89] decided to defer consideration of the treatment of the unencumbered balance arising in respect of the period from 1 to 31 July 1996 pending the submission of the final performance report for the Mission.

52/487. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[90] decided to defer consideration, until the third part of its resumed fifty-second session, of agenda item 137 entitled "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994".

52/488. Budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[91] took note of the notes by the Secretary-General containing updated information on the proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the periods from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998[92] and from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.[93]

52/489. Death and disability benefits

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[91] took note of the second and third quarterly reports of the Secretary-General on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for death and disability benefits.[94]

52/493. Improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[95] decided to resume consideration of the question of improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee at its fifty-third session.

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[89] A/52/905.

[90] A/52/726/Add.1, para. 5.

[91] See A/52/453/Add.3, para. 11.

[92] A/C.5/52/44 and Corr.1.

[93] A/C.5/52/52.

[94] See A/C.5/52/37 and A/C.5/52/50.

[95] A/52/746/Add.4, para. 5.

ANNEX I

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The following additional items were included in the agenda of the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session:[1]

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64. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committee in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (item 162).

65. Election of judges of the International Tribunal For the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (item 163).

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(ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COMMITTEE)

38. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

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[1] See A/52/252/Add.3 and 4.

ANNEX II

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